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Re: Project Schedule for Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine

Dear Mr. Klawitter: *Emil*

The EPA has reviewed the project schedule that was received on 4/1/99. We appreciate the effort to revise the schedule and commitment to produce a final ROD for site 9 before September 30, 1999. Though this isn't a formal, enforceable schedule per the FFA, we will do our utmost to honor it as was discussed at the project meeting on 3/3/99. Our only comment is that we suggest adding another two weeks to both EPA/ME DEP's review and Navy/EA revision of the draft annual report for the sites 1, 3 and eastern plume annual report.

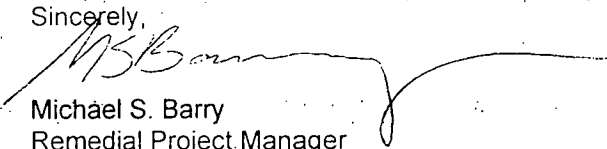
Otherwise, the schedule seems ambitious yet attainable. We note that long term monitoring plans for site 9 and building 95 are scheduled prior to their respective decision documents, which is reverse of normal. There are several sampling issues with these sites don't affect the basic remedy and thus we think need not be resolved prior to finalizing the decision document. Thus, we suggest that these sampling plans could be looked upon as interim ones that may be modified after the decision documents.

In event of lack of time or funding, EPA's thinking on priorities for the rest of 1999 are below. You'll note that other than numbers 2 and 3, we've placed priority on "closing out" the remaining sites in the near term. This should be complete by late 1999 when primary focus will shift back to eastern plume GWETS modifications.

1. Site 9 ROD by 9/30/99. ✓
2. Five-year review by 12/31/99. ✓
3. Finalize sites 1, 3 and eastern plume revised LTMP. ✓
4. Finish Site 2 work plan (RD) and implement LTMP/debris removal (RA). ✓
5. Site 7/12 PRAP and ROD ✓
6. Sites 14, 15, 16 and 18 consensus statement. ✓
7. Building 95 decision document ✓
8. 1998 annual reports and timely review. ✓
9. Monitoring event reports and timely review ✓

We look forward to discussing the schedule at the project meeting on 4/6/99. If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-918-1344 or barry.michael@epa.gov.

Sincerely,


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